



Kingston Conservation Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting, Conference Room 2  
Minutes

Date: February 2, 2012 6:30-8:30pm

Roll Call: \_\_6:32\_\_\_\_ pm

**Council Members**

Julie Noble (Chair)	yes
Judith Deming	yes
Elizabeth Higgins (Secretary)	yes
Gregg Swanzey	yes
Casey Schwarz	yes

**Welcome Guests and Public Comment – 1 guest, Emilie Hauser**

**Approval of January 2012 minutes - approved**

**Old Business (6:30-7:45)**

1. CAC member recruitment - continuing to reach out to aldermen to have them recommend residents to serve. Goal is to get at least one representative from each district.
2. Governmental Meeting Liaisons for 2012 – Liaison role reconfigured to provide greater continuity. Julie and Gregg will cover Public Safety/General Government; Casey and Judith will cover Planning and Liz Higgins will serve as the appointed EMC representative.
3. Updates:
  - a. KingstonCAC.org - progress is being made. Liz offered to work on getting the needed links together.
  - b. Natural Resources Inventory - progress is being made. A grant has been secured by the Parks Dept. to get the GIS layers together. In addition, Hudsonia has a grant to complete the Ecosystem Assessment for the entire City of Kingston.
  - c. Green Guide - Will be incorporated into the Kingston CAC website.
  - d. Climate Action Planning - Rich is finishing up the plan. His grant ends in March and additional funding has not been secured to have him continue at this time. We will write a letter to the Mayor recommending the continuation of this position.
  - e. Conservation Development Guidelines – no discussion
  - f. Non-toxic Landscape Maintenance Initiative – no discussion
4. EMC Report – Liz attended the meeting. Much of the discussion was about the meeting that Mike Hein organized to provide an opportunity for the public to give feedback to DEP about the turbidity in the Lower Esopus. Amanda LaValle and Steve Noble will be visiting all of the CACs in the next couple of months.
5. Planning Board Meeting Report - Casey attended the meeting, they discussed the Steve Aaron Bldg near railroad tracks. The public is definitely concerned about the location.

**New Business (7:45)**

1. Follow up from Public Safety/General Gov't/Auditing Meeting (45 min)
  - a. Council Member Concerns
    - i. Government Environmental Assessment/Inventory – need to finish the first plan before another plan is undertaken
    - ii. Flooding, especially in Ward 1 – Liz offered to address/research specific concerns
  - b. Advising Requested
    - i. Solar Installations on City Property – We will suggest that one of us would review the RFPs. Casey Schwarz will fill this role.
    - ii. Hydrofracking, specifically Kingston WWTP as Hydrofracking sludge treatment site – group supports position of City Engineer that City should not process hydrofracking sludge as system is already beyond capacity and cannot handle the waste.

*\*Next CAC monthly meeting, March 1, 2012, City Hall, Conference Room 2, 6:30pm\**

Gregg moved and Liz seconded to adjourn.

**Adjournment:** \_8:35\_\_\_\_\_pm